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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hirofumi Takei

Appln. No.: 10/701,504

Filed: November 6, 2003

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the final Official Action dated August 31, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: